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Applicant: Veli-Matti LEHTOLA et al. Conf.: 705
Appl. No.: 09/486,971 Group: 161
Filed: April 11, 2000 Examiner: R. Bennett
For: PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATION COMPRISING CLODRONATE
AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT AND SILICIFIED
MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE AS EXCIPIENT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

July 16, 2002

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2002,
Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in
connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 11, 14-19 are pending in the present
application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 11, 14-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C
103(a) as being unpatentable over Posti '354 (US 5,525,354) in
further view of Sherwood (WO 96/21429) and Remington's
Pharmaceutical Sciences. Applicant asserts that the present
invention is not obvious in light of Posti '354, Sherwood, and
Remington and the current rejection should be withdrawn.